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Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 8, 2002, please enter the following Amendment.

In The Claims

Please cancel claims 1-4 and 7. Please substitute new claims 8-11 as follows:

(New) A hree-phase process for the treatment of waste 8. water comprising:

an initial mix fill phase having a predetermined duration in which wastewater is directed into a vessel containing an activated sludge, the wastewater is mixed with the activated